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PATENT

Docket No. PD-970411

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of:

Date: December 11, 2002

Stanislav I. Ionov

Serial No. 09/327,351

Group Art Unit: 2633

Filed: 06/05/99

Examiner: Phan, Hanh

For: ARCHITECTURE FOR AN OPTICAL SATELLITE
COMMUNICATION NETWORK

AMENDMENT

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Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed dated October 15, 2002, please enter the following amendments and remarks.

In the Claims:

Sub 17 (Amended) A method of communicating within a satellite communications system comprising the steps of:

- deploying a plurality of satellites;
- grouping a first subset of the plurality of satellites into a first local area network, said first subset having fewer than the plurality of satellites;
- forming a plurality of routes between the satellites in the first local area network; and
- assigning an optical carrier for each route.

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Docket No. PD-970411

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In re Application of:
STANISLAV I. IONOV ET AL.
Serial No. 09/327,351
Filed: June 5, 1999
For: ARCHITECTURE FOR AN OPTICAL SATELLITE
COMMUNICATION NETWORK

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Group Art Unit: 2633

Examiner: Phan, Hanh
CONFIRMATION No. 5316

AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

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Applicant petitions for an extension of time for months(s) to respond to the Office Action dated _____. If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

An extension for _____ months(s) has already been secured; the fee paid therefor of _____ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested. _____

Extension fee due with this request \$ _____

☒ Applicant believes that no extension of time is required to respond to the Office Action dated October 15, 2002. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

☒ No additional fee for claims is required.

☒ The fee for claims has been calculated as shown below:

CLAIMS AS AMENDED									
CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT			HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR		PRESENT EXTRA		RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE	
TOTAL CLAIMS	32	minus	32*	=	0	x	\$ 18.00	\$ 0.00	
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	6	minus	6**	=	0	x	\$ 84.00	\$ 0.00	
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS					0	+	\$ 280.00	\$ 0.00	
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT:								\$ 0.00	

Charge **\$0.00** to Deposit Account No. 50-0383 of Hughes Electronics Corporation, El Segundo, California. Please charge any additional fees for claims or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0383. If any additional extension fee is required, please charge to Deposit Account No. 50-0383. **This form is submitted in triplicate.**

Respectfully submitted,

Enc. IDS, 1449 Form and
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